

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

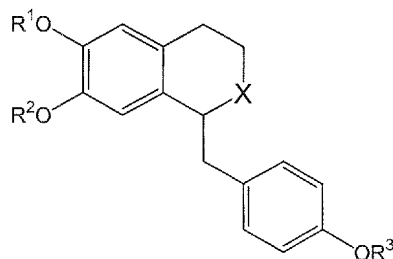
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-42. (Cancelled)

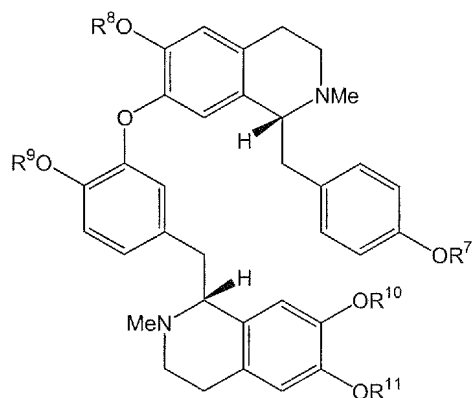
43. (Currently Amendment) A method for ~~preventing and/or treating a pain and/or an inflammation~~, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, as an effective ingredient, at least one compound selected from the group consisting of:

a benzyloisoquinoline derivative represented by general formula (I):



wherein R¹, R² and R³ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted, and X represents NR⁴ or N⁺R⁵R⁶Y in which R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, R⁵ and R⁶ each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, and Y represents a halide, hydroxide, or sulfate ion;

a bisbenzylisoquinoline derivative represented by
general formula (II):

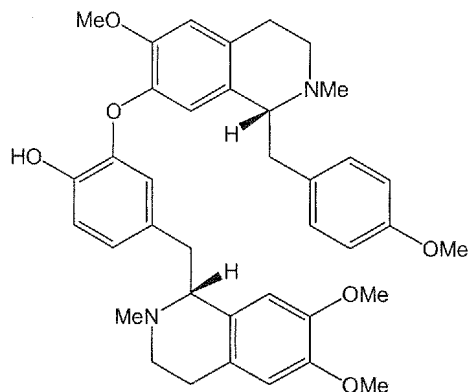


wherein R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may be substituted, an aryl group which may be substituted or a heteroaryl group which may be substituted; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 43, wherein
a the pain to be treated is based on inflammation ~~is prevented~~
~~and/or treated~~.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 43, wherein the compound represented by general formula (II) is neferine:



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46. (Original) The method of Claim 43, wherein said derivative is administered orally as part of a health food containing said derivative.

47. (Original) The method of Claim 46, wherein the health food is a beverage or drinkable preparation.